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> PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2003 for two(2) month(s) from September 23, 2003 to November 23, 2003. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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